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Mr. Benjamin Mandel  
Research Director  
Internal Security Subcommittee  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mandel:

Reference is made to our letter of 26 November 1956, with which we forwarded the final item in a series of pre-publication copies of the compilations of data on international Communist front organizations, prepared at your request. At that time we stated that printed copies of these directories would be forwarded to you upon completion.

Attached are two sets of the printed directories. Additional copies are available upon request. Information used comes from various sources, and should not necessarily be considered confirmatory of data in other reports. To the extent that information was available, the directories provide the headquarters address, executive officers, regional bureaus and officers, official publications, and claimed or estimated membership of the following international Communist front organizations:

- International Association of Democratic Lawyers (IADL)
- International Broadcasting Organization (IOR)
- International Committee for the Promotion of Trade (ICPT)
- International Federation of Resistance Fighters (FIR)
- International Organization of Journalists (IOJ)
- International Union of Students (IUS)
- World Congress of Doctors (WCD)
- World Federation of Democratic Youth (WFDY)
- World Federation of Scientific Workers (WFSW)
- Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF)
- World Peace Council (WPC)
- World Federation of Trade Unions (WFTU)
- World Federation of Teachers' Unions (WFTU)
- Communist Societies of Friendship and Cultural Relations

As you will note, we have on our own initiative included a directory of the Communist friendship and cultural relations societies in our response to your request. The significance of these societies as instruments useful to the intelligence services of the Soviet Union, Communist China, and other Communist countries is confirmed. The Report of the Royal Commission on Espionage, published by the

Commonwealth of Australia in August 1955, made plain the use of the Australia-Soviet Friendship Society to further the effort of Soviet espionage in that country. Certain key officers of the Society served as intelligence agents performing any task demanded of them, and the membership as a whole was regarded by a Soviet intelligence service as a source of manpower which could be drawn upon to supply operational information. The advantages which these societies offer as channels of communication for intelligence services of countries of the Communist bloc have been noted in other areas.

As requested in our letter of 19 November 1954, it is desired that this Agency's concurrence be obtained prior to any publication, dissemination or use of the directories outside the Internal Security Subcommittee, United States Senate. We believe these directories will prove of interest to certain other U.S. Government agencies, to which we are therefore sending copies.

Sincerely,

/s/ Norman S. Paul

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